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**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
 FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA**

**DIGITAL VERIFICATION
 SYSTEMS LLC,**

Plaintiff,

vs.

JOTFORM, INC.

Defendant.

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Case No. 3:22-cv-03122

PATENT CASE

JURY TRIAL DEMANDED

COMPLAINT

Plaintiff Digital Verification Systems, LLC (“Plaintiff” and/or “DVS”) files this Complaint against JotForm, Inc. (“Defendant” and/or “JotForm”) for infringement of United States Patent No. 9,054,860 (hereinafter “the ‘860 Patent”).

PARTIES AND JURISDICTION

1. This is an action for patent infringement under Title 35 of the United States Code. Plaintiff is seeking injunctive relief as well as damages.

2. Jurisdiction is proper in this Court pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 1331 (Federal Question) and 1338(a) (Patents) because this is a civil action for patent infringement arising under the United States patent statutes.

3. Plaintiff is a Texas limited liability company located at 1 East Broward Boulevard, Suite 700, Fort Lauderdale, FL 33301.

13. Upon information and belief, Defendant has infringed and continues to infringe one or more claims, including at least Claim 1, of the ‘860 Patent by making, using (at least by having its employees, or someone under Defendant's control, test the accused Product), importing, selling, and/or offering for sale associated hardware and/or software for digital signature services (e.g., JotForm electronic-signature), and any similar products and/or services (“Product”) covered by at least Claim 1 of the ‘860 Patent. Defendant has infringed and continues to infringe the ‘860 patent either directly or through acts of contributory infringement or inducement in violation of 35 U.S.C. § 271.

14. The Product provides a system for e-signing digital documents. The Product provides for digitally verifying the identification of a signer. Certain aspects of this element are illustrated in the screenshot(s) below and/or in those provided in connection with other allegations herein.

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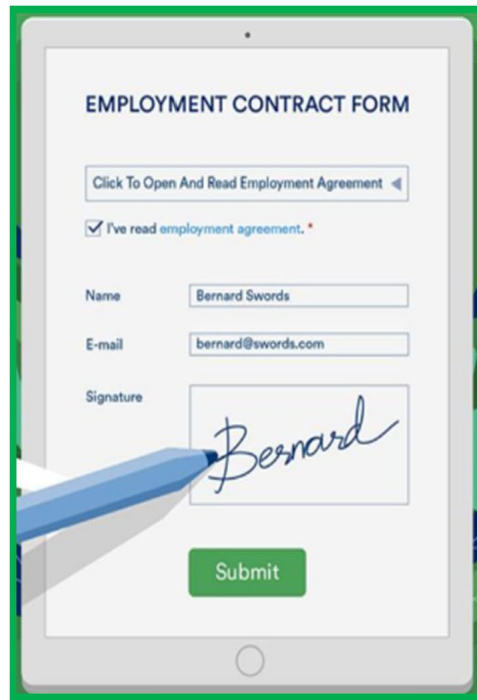
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15. The Product includes at least one digital identification module structured to be associated with at least one entity. For example, the Product provides a module (e.g., the creation of an e-signature module for a user) to be associated with at least one entity (i.e., a user who needs to create an e-signature). Certain aspects of this element are illustrated in the screenshot(s) below and/or in those provided in connection with other allegations herein.

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16. The Product includes a module generating assembly structured to receive at least one verification data element corresponding to at least one entity and create said at least one digital identification module. For example, the Product includes a module generating assembly structured to receive at least one verification data element corresponding to at least one entity (e.g., a user has a unique login ID and password for accessing and verifying the account for e-signing the documents). The module generating assembly is also structured to create at least one digital identification module (e.g., creating an e-signature of a user). Certain aspects of this element are illustrated in the screenshot(s) below and/or in those provided in connection with other allegations herein.

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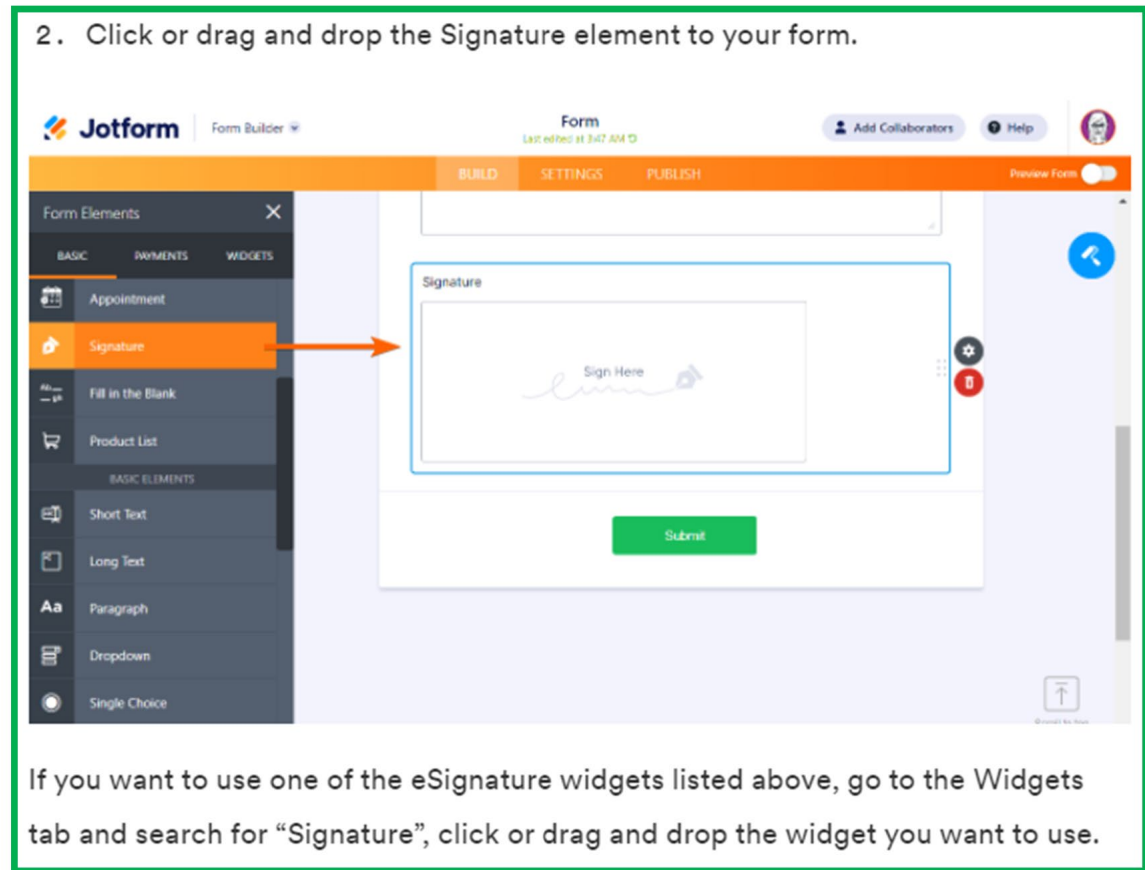
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17. at least one digital identification module is disposable within at least one electronic file. (e.g., a user can store the e-signature within a document such as a "Bill of Landing" or in a PDF, Word doc, image file, etc.). Certain aspects of this element are illustrated in the screenshot(s) below and/or in those provided in connection with other allegations herein.

1 Jotform's PDF contract templates are editable which means
2 you can adjust the overall format including the
3 mentioned sections. If the job description changes
4 significantly or there is a need to change the responsibility
5 of the employee within the company, you can have the
6 templates edited to send a new contract where both parties
7 can review and sign again.

8 A contract is a legally enforceable agreement between two or more parties. It
9 is an agreement that creates a legal duty or responsibility. Most companies
10 and agencies preferred a written one, but many struggles finding a good set of
11 templates they can use to make this possible between them and the
12 employee. Using a template saves them time, but most generators online only
13 offer limited features. To address the difficulties and less featured templates,
14 Jotform creates a collection of ready-made contract templates in PDF format
15 that is completely customizable and a free to use.

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17 18. at least one digital identification module includes at least one primary
18 component structured to associate the digital identification module at least partially
19 with at least one entity. For example, an e-signature of a user is associated with user
20 information including username, date, etc. to associate the digital identification
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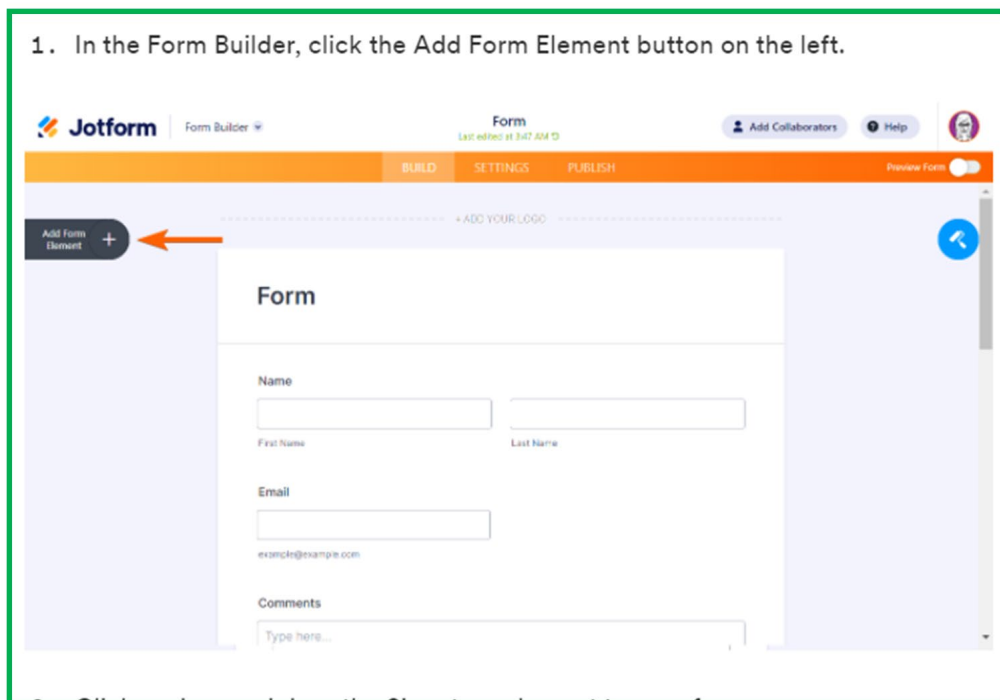
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20. Defendant's actions complained of herein will continue unless Defendant is enjoined by this court.

21. Defendant's actions complained of herein are causing irreparable harm and monetary damage to Plaintiff and will continue to do so unless and until Defendant is enjoined and restrained by this Court.

22. Plaintiff is in compliance with 35 U.S.C. § 287.

JURY DEMAND

23. Under Rule 38(b) of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, Plaintiff respectfully requests a trial by jury on all issues so triable.

PRAYER FOR RELIEF

WHEREFORE, Plaintiff asks the Court to:

(a) Enter judgment for Plaintiff on this Complaint on all causes of action asserted herein;

(b) Enter an Order enjoining Defendant, its agents, officers, servants, employees, attorneys, and all persons in active concert or participation with Defendant who receive notice of the order from further infringement of United States Patent No.

1 9,054,860 (or, in the alternative, awarding Plaintiff a running royalty from the time of
2 judgment going forward);

3 (c) Award Plaintiff damages resulting from Defendant's infringement in
4 accordance with 35 U.S.C. § 284;

5 (d) Award Plaintiff pre-judgment and post-judgment interest and costs; and

6 (e) Award Plaintiff such further relief to which the Court finds Plaintiff
7 entitled under law or equity.

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9 Dated: May 27, 2022

Respectfully submitted,

10 /s/Stephen M. Lobbin

11 ***Attorney(s) for Plaintiff***